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Corps of Engineers Flood Watch Update

St. Louis, Missouri, 14 May 2002 -- As of 6:00 am today, only one levee within the St. Louis District has been overtopped: the non-Federal levee at Vandalia, IL, on the Kaskaskia River, which overtopped last Tuesday. Based on current crest forecasts from the National Weather Service, the Corps does not anticipate any additional levees being overtopped, although the crest projections are approaching the design limitations on a handful of non-Federal levees. Situations may change with additional rainfall, therefore, the Corps of Engineers will continue to monitor river levels closely.

The 6:00 am National Weather Service (NWS) revised river stage and crest forecasts for the major river systems in the region are listed below. Prominent changes from yesterday's forecast: The NWS has reduced the expected crest on the St. Louis gage by 1 foot from 39.0 feet to 38.0 feet, but has increased the expected crest on the Cape Girardeau gage from 46.0 feet to 47.0 feet.

Upper Mississippi River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
Clarksville, MO	25 feet	30.6 feet	31.0 feet	5/14 pm
Winfield, MO	26 feet	31.4 feet	32.0 feet	5/15 am
Grafton, IL	18 feet	26.5 feet	27.5 feet	5/15 pm
Alton, IL	21 feet	30.2 feet	32.0 feet	5/15 pm

Middle Mississippi River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
St. Louis, MO	30 feet	35.5 feet	38.0 feet	5/16 pm
Chester, IL	27 feet	38.2 feet	40.5 feet	5/16 pm
Cape Girardeau, MO	32 feet	43.6 feet	47.0 feet	5/19 am

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Illinois River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
Hardin, IL	25 feet	33.8 feet	36.5 feet	5/17 am

Missouri River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
Hermann, MO	21 feet	29.5 feet	crested	crested
St. Charles, MO	25 feet	31.3 feet	31.6 feet	5/15 am

Meramec River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
Eureka, MO	18 feet	16.1 feet	25.2 feet	5/16 am
Valley Park, MO	16 feet	18.5 feet	22.8 feet	5/16 pm
Arnold, MO	24 feet	33.7 feet	37.1 feet	5/16 pm

Kaskaskia River

<u>River Gage</u>	<u>Flood Stage</u>	<u>Current Stage</u>	<u>Crest Forecast</u>	<u>Crest Date</u>
Vandalia	18 feet	25.6 feet	crested	crested